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BODY TALK

Dancers from BODY TALK at the opening of Stoke Newington's new community centre, in the old Fire Station in Leswin Road. After more than six years planning, the Centre opened officially on 24 July. Another picture and story inside, see p.4. (Photo: SNCA).



Masons linked to Council sacking

The long investigations into internal management of Hackney Council's Direct Labour Organisation (DLO) has led to the sacking of a high-ranking Council officer, Dennis Unwin, the General Manager, Surveying and Estimating.

In announcing this to the full Council meeting at the end of July, Deputy Leader Peter Kahn made it clear that investigations were continuing. He added: "The speed of the investigation and the subsequent action has been hampered by the fact that there have been a number of personal links between officers employed by the Council and contractors. I have little doubt that some of these have been nurtured within masonic lodges and through other social associations. It is my view that the climate of secrecy within which the Masons operate can in some circumstances compromise individual officers' professional integrity."

Another officer has been recommended for dismissal, and this will be heard in front of a Disciplinary Sub Committee soon. A third officer has received a formal reprimand and a fourth officer has recently been suspended.

At the same time the police are known to be conducting their own investigation, but apparently this too is proceeding very slowly.

Peter Kahn was at pains to make it clear no Councillor was currently being investigated. HPP has been told however, that at least one Councillor was under suspicion last year.

Scandals involving masonic links are nothing new in local government up and down the country. It is well known that there are a number of Masons at various levels of the Council, and that a number of Councillors past and present are Masons. There may be nothing more than boyish antics and dressing up at Masonic meetings but while these silly secret societies exist corruption is bound to occur among the weak and greedy. We would like to hear from anyone who has any further information about Masons in Hackney Council. Any information will be treated in strict confidence.

LABOUR BACKS YOUTH WORKER INQUIRY NO JUSTICE!

Anselm Samuel, the Clapton Youth Centre worker who was only promoted to a lecturer's position after a public campaign run by the young people who attend the Centre, was first dismissed and then suspended during an extraordinary series of incidents last month.

Sam appeared in court on a charge of assault which, it has been alleged, some ILEA officials helped the police to bring. He was found guilty, and a sub-committee voted to sack him from the lecturership post he had only just been appointed to. Then a blocking device was used by a number of councillors, including local GLC member John Carr, to have the decision reviewed by the ILEA supreme body, the education committee. This means that Sam is suspended - without pay - until the committee has a chance to see a fuller report.

In a further move, the Executive Committee of the London region of the Labour Party supported a motion proposed by GLC leader Ken Livingstone, to make a full investigation into the affair, taking into account the judge's remarks and the high esteem in which Sam is held by the black community. This followed a deputation of members of the Hackney Black People's Association and workers from the

Youth Centre to the executive committee. Ken Livingstone will be speaking at a public meeting in support of Sam, to be held at the Family Centre, 50 Rectory Road, N16, on Monday 9 August at 7pm.

It has been alleged that ILEA officers have been trying to get rid of Sam for some time, and that Tony Roberts, the alleged victim of the assault was encouraged by officers to bring charges. Vidya Anand, a co-opted member of ILEA who has supported Sam, said on the Black Londoners radio programme that "considerable pressure" was put on Tony Roberts to make the complaint.

DISPUTE

The facts of the case are also in dispute. Two prosecution witnesses said that Sam had been struck first. He was therefore retaliating in self-defence. A ballpoint pen was the weapon involved, and not a screwdriver. Sam has also brought countercharges against Tony Roberts alleging assault, but of course these have yet to be heard.

A senior ILEA official, John Townsend, was present at the court hearing, which lasted three days. If his role was to be there as an observer from ILEA, then he should have informed the defence

lawyers. However, he was seen several times chatting to and laughing with the prosecution lawyers and the press - including a reporter from the Daily Mail, which published a scurrilous attack on Sam before the case was heard - but he never spoke to the defence.

SUPPORT

Young people at the Clapton Youth Centre, and the rest of the staff there, are fully behind Sam in his struggle with the ILEA bureaucrats. It was their support which eventually won him the promotion that had been blocked for so long. Some officials (and some Tory councillors) are thought to have deliberately dragged his name into the dirt, particularly by leaking reports to the Daily Mail, which has never been known for its fair reporting of affairs in the black community. The reports have made much of the fact that Sam has two earlier convictions

but have ignored that these were not only received many years ago, but both arose in cases where police attacked demonstrations by black people.

The Hackney Gazette has also chosen not to ask local black people and workers and members at the Clapton Youth Centre about the affair. Instead they concentrated solely on the court case, and the decision by the ILEA sub-committee to defer the decision to the education committee. They have thus ignored a story which has been a major issue in ethnic minority newspapers and radio programmes for many months, choosing as usual to go for the sensational story with the same sort of emotive headlines as the Daily Mail.

The full investigation by the ILEA Labour group gives a chance for this whole business to be brought to an end. If Sam is to get any justice then he must have complete reinstatement and all the charges against him overturned.

INSIDE

SUMMER FUN

Two pages of fun and entertainment, mainly for children. See pages 6 and 7.

PLUS... Police, transport, politics, CND...

central terminal?



Regular readers, or as I prefer to think of you, fans, will know of my maniac obsession with the doings of Hackney Central Labour Party. I have to tell you now that its situation is high on terminal. You could say, and you well might, that with the likely boundary revisions next year anything that happens in Hackney Central is fairly unimportant compared with, say the state of the nation or Spurs chances in the Cup next season. Thus the party does have an air of decline, of having seen better days.

Things will probably live on about the time of the Labour Party conference at the end of September. This is why:

the Labour Party nationally is desperately trying to win back popular support. This has led to all sorts of comings and goings, and threats of goings. The main threat of going - against their will - is directed at the Militant Tendency. In Hackney, Militant has been like the poor, always with us. But there have never been a large number of them, and there have been so many other assorted lefties that they have certainly never been in a majority anywhere in the borough. But what have we got at the moment in Hackney Central? Almost without trying, Militant supporters control all the

officers' positions, chair, vice-chairs, secretary and treasurer. This has not come about because of some dastardly coup cooked up in Mentmore Terrace, but is more a combination of refusals to stand again from some people retiring, election to the Council, general mix-ups and genuine illness.

EXPELLING MILITANT?

This means that if the right, and Fleet Street, the BBC, the ITA and the Jenkins mob, succeed in expelling all the Militant Tendency at the Party conference, Hackney Central will be without all its officers. It may well be the only party in the country where this is so. Where will this leave Hackney Central? In its death throes, it seems that no one wants to know about it. The old guard are all out to grass, and don't want - or won't try - to attempt a comeback. Everyone is sitting around waiting for something to happen...

There is one pocket of activity amongst all this sorry scene. It concerns our old friends the Owens, and the Eastdown ward. Here the real old guard rule, and are conducting a counterpurge against Militant and the left in general. Bus loads of pensioners can be brought in

to vote on any crucial occasion, and they vote the way that good old Bob and Tilly Owen, and their daughter Linda Hibberd vote. Linda is the Ms Big of this organisation, this pocket of old style machine politics. If you get the nod from her, you get in. They control all the positions elected from their ward, and, of course, they are the three councillors for the ward. A fairly harmless delegate to the GMC from Eastdown, who just happened to be a Militant supporter, was blasted off just recently - as have any number of others.

DYING BREED

But they are a dying breed. There aren't many like the Owens around any more, in the rest of Hackney. The 1978 gang rules OK. How long before they start travelling down the same road and become the old guard themselves? Some of them have got machine-style political tendencies, I can tell you. Perhaps in a few years time some poor hack will be writing for some space-age edition of Hackney People's Press, going on and on about the Hackney Labour Party. Or perhaps Hackney Labour Party will have brought us socialism in one borough. Perhaps, perhaps, perhaps... See you at the Balckpool conference!

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Socialism must be built

Dear Sir,

I was very interested in the report 'Politics for the people' in your last issue which contained the following excerpt from Anthony Kendall's statement: "We are taking the argument into the community and developing a base from which Socialism can emerge".

Socialism cannot 'emerge', it has to be built and the building of Socialism cannot be begun until the working class becomes the ruling class and takes over the major heights of the economy, the media in all its aspects, the finance houses and the main banks, and the statemachine. Only then can socialism be built.

This does not mean that nothing can be done between now and then. Involving people in local activity can be helpful but not necessarily so. Many local people are involved in helping councils to manage on the meagre share of their taxpayers money the Government grudgingly lets them have, discussing and deciding on priorities, and thus helping to implement this Government's capitalist policies.

It is when workers take up the struggle against capitalist policies that they begin to take the road that will lead to socialism. In the struggle to defend and improve their working conditions they create trade unions and gain knowledge of how to organise and gain confidence in their ability to run industry without the 'aid' of the capitalists.

In struggling to create better living conditions for themselves and their children, they create political parties and challenge the parties of capitalism.

But, above all, there will be no socialism built in

Britain without a determined struggle against capitalist ideas with which the working people are continuously brainwashed.

Socialists need to be explaining that:

- * the class struggle is a product of capitalism and that Thatcher & Co are waging a determined struggle against the working class on behalf of the capitalist class;

- * the state is not neutral in this struggle but is used as part of the capitalist offensive - the Law Lords' ruling on the Fares fair scheme is only one of many instances;

- * unemployment is not because of greedy workers getting too much in wages, but is because the capitalists, to get their profit, pay out less in wages and overheads than the wealth created by the workers, and thus there is continued crisis caused by this under-consumption;

- * capitalists look to the arms race and to war to solve their economic crises - the Falklands war has been profitable for the merchants of death - it is the working class that has paid in over 1000 dead and injured, and will pay yet more in higher taxation and further cuts in education and housing, health and social services.

It is the struggle against the implementation of capitalist policies and against capitalist ideas that will create the growth of socialism and I applaud the initiative that led to the Hackney meeting on London's transport.

Yours faithfully

Harry Mundy
Secretary of Rectory
Branch of the Communist
Party

festival

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Two types of summer activity that you might not yet of heard about:

EAST END NEWS
are organising a series of workshops on newspaper production, journalism, photography, design, printing etc, FREE at Chats Palace, 42 Brooksbys Walk, E9, from 9-20 August, 11am-5pm daily.

GIRLS ADVENTURE HOLIDAY
in Wales, from 29 August to 4 September. Pony-trekking, walking, canoeing, swimming, trips to the seaside. Places for 12-15 girls aged between 8 and 12 years. Contact Ruth or Rebecca at Centerprise 136 Kingsland High Street, E8. Cost will be approx £10. Accompanied by four experienced youth workers.



The Hackney Gazette doesn't know a good story when it's parked outside its front door!

NOT THE 22A

As part of the campaign to save London Transport from the cuts planned to its services, the Homerton Branch of the Hackney Central Labour Party ran its own "bus service" on July 9. The branch hired its own bus to run from Clapton Park to Shoreditch Church to advertise the Hackney Town Hall meeting and the TUC rally the following day.

One of the organisers tells the story of the day:

7am: the bus is parked incongruously in Chippindale Street, and neighbours look on astonished as it is covered in slogans: WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAY CUTS MEAN CURFEW and LESS QUEUES, MORE 22s!

FIRST RUN: we had planned to pick up our supporters by arrangement throughout the day but, not really surprisingly, as we stopped to pick them up - with our special portable bus stop, made by Free Form in workshops at Clapton Park - other people got on too. Round trip to Shoreditch completed in the estimated hour. All happy.

SECOND RUN: far more 'passengers' board the bus, all very keen to talk about the bus services and take information on what the cuts will mean to them. With our loud-hailer messages and our appearance, we seem to be making quite an impact, particularly on LT inspectors and the local police. As we pass, walkie-talkies are raised to puzzled faces. We return to Millfields euphoric to be greeted by a Thames TV crew, but also by a minor breakdown in our - formerly settled - relations with the union which makes our Third Run a pallid affair, just stopping and leafletting, not picking anyone up, despite assurance from the local LT controller that we are doing nothing illegal. It is enlivened however by a group of under-5s on the top deck, and by the fruitless stop at the Gazette offices.

LUNCHTIME: a quick trip to Clapton Garage and the union misunderstanding is ironed out. They are happy and supporting us. We have a break.

FOURTH RUN: starts as the best yet, with masses of people from Clapton Park, saying spontaneously to the Capital Radio reporter who is now with us that "This bus is worth 50 petitions". But at Graham Road disaster strikes in the form of the person we have hired the bus from. He does a lot of business with LT and is being sat upon, very heavily, by its upper echelons, to stop the whole business at once. We cover up the LT insignia and set off, gloomily, without passengers and with a driver briefed by his employer to stop nowhere near bus stops. We decide to have a rest at Shoreditch, where an inspector tells us we can't leave that bus here, Scotland Yard has been on to him. We repair to the HCA/EPTAG offices for tea and sympathy, then return to Millfields.

FIFTH RUN: it is late in the day now and we are quite full of party activists' and Fare Fight supporters. We're still not stopping much, though, particularly as NO WAITING cones have mysteriously appeared at most bus-stops along the route, and our treasurer has to almost throw herself herself in front of the bus in Kingsland Road to get it to pick her up. Still, the atmosphere is improving and we are handing out quite a few leaflets.

FINAL RUN: we return to Homerton to pick up our members to head for the Public Meeting at the Town Hall, where we drive up to the front steps for photographs. At the meeting, we are warmly received and hold a collection towards the expenses of the day. A speaker from the NOT THE 22A raises a few of the pertinent points, notably:

No-one could demonstrate we were doing anything illegal, even when we picked people up. We were only defeated in the end by commercial pressures on the person we hired the bus from. We certainly made an impact on the people we talked to on the bus, and on passers by. So why not more of the same, with a bus hired from someone else, on other threatened routes? Why not an investigation of local, flexible bus services, or of free bus services? We are urging other people to take up and develop this idea, which started with a local pensioner's memories of the pirate buses of the 30s and grew into a notable day's adventure.

People wanting more information on the stunt should contact Richard Shield on 936 0461.

700 less buses

Another step on the downward spiral path of London Transport was taken at the end of July when busworkers voted to accept substantial cuts in bus services. The only gain that they made was to win back 118 of the 800 buses that management wanted to axe from the fleet - but you don't need to be a planning genius to predict that with nearly 700 less buses on the roads there are going to be substantially longer delays in services.

"Redundancies are bound to follow," one local bus driver told HPP. "There are going to be so many on the 'spare' list that management will have to shed some of its workforce."

There is one hopeful sign on the horizon. Sources inside the GLC have been telling sympathetic journalists that they may have found ways to cut fares again next year: a way which is legally foolproof, they think. We can but hope!

"The way forward now is for the GLC through its Police Committee to oppose the establishment of consultative arrangements on Home Office lines, and to support the establishment of Borough Police Committees. Thus the Council can make clear its rejection of cosmetic consultative initiatives." ("Making the Police Accountable to the Public" GLC Police Committee - June 1982).

Police Accountability

In line with GLC recommendations Hackney Council has established a Police Committee, which met for the first of its bi-monthly meetings on 8th July 1982. Although in effect Police Committees are powerless until the Home Secretary relinquishes his position as Police Authority for the Metropolitan Police Force, Councillor Brynley Heaven, who chairs the Hackney Police Committee, is optimistic about its future role.

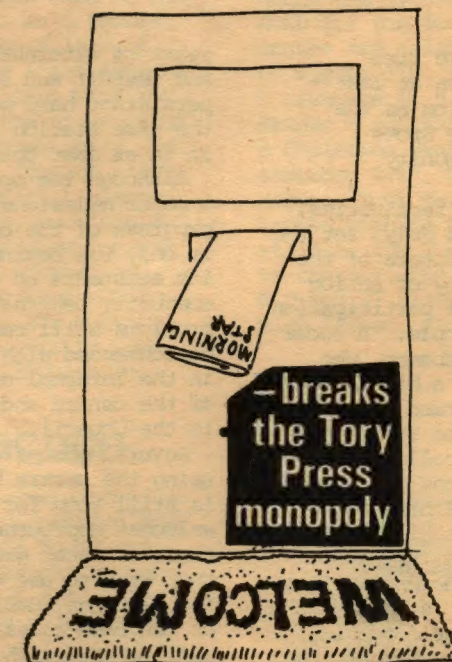
At its inaugural meeting, the Police Committee, comprising of 16 elected Councillors, and in future to include 8 co-optees representing specific interests within the borough in relation to the police, drew up a list of 10 principal aims. And certainly one of its policies is to get the police back on the beat, as Brynley Heaven explains: "Currently, only around 30 of the borough's 400 police are home-beat officers - and we feel they should have many more people working directly with the local community, instead of the, sometimes heavy-handed, reactive role which the police have generally come to adopt."

Brynley Heaven is keen to point out that the Police Liaison Sub-Committee, which has also been set up, is not designed to act in any way as an alternative to the Police Committee, but is an annex of the main Committee and that meetings would take place in public and deal with stated issues. On Tuesday 27th July 1982 the Commander of 'G' District of the Metropolitan Police made a primarily statistical presentation of the work of the police in the borough to members of the Council - non-members were asked to leave - but this meeting was arranged prior to the setting up of the Police Committee when meetings between the Council and the police took place behind closed doors.

To service the new Police Committee a unit is to be set up by the Council, with the first appointment probably being made in October. And the Police Committee will work towards the establishment of an independent police monitoring group.

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OPENING PARTY AT CENTRE

East London Assembly

The inaugural meeting of the East London Assembly took place in July, and a follow-up meeting is planned for September.

The Assembly has been set up following the successful London Assembly held by the GLC in February this year, with its pledge to bring together community groups, educational organisations and the trade union movement in local assemblies across London.

The preliminary meeting of the East London Assembly decided to circularise as wide a list of such groups as soon as possible, in order to get a big turn-out at the next meeting on 14 September. This meeting will discuss the constitutional position, the programme, and the boundary area for the East London Assembly, and decide how to elect officers and a committee.

All local organisations are invited (one delegate per organisation) to the meeting which will be held at Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2 at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14 September. For any further details contact Jean Lowe, Joint Docklands Action Group 480 5324 (W) or 806 1755 (H).

Advertising at the Rio

Recent audiences at the Rio cinema will have noticed that the advertisements before the film are no longer glossy 'Pearl and Dean' commercials selling drink and cigarettes. Instead they publicise local events and centres.

This is the pilot scheme for a new programme of advertising which will begin in September. For rates similar to those for advertising in a newspaper an advert can be shown before each performance for a week. Prices are on a sliding scale, and priority will be given to community organisations.

The adverts are easy to make - all the cinema needs is one black and white slide. The subject can be anything of interest to the people of Hackney. The only limitation is that it must not be sexist, racist, or otherwise offensive. The aim is to help the Rio become involved with the community and to provide a form of advertising not otherwise available.

The cinema staff feel that this is just the beginning of making things for the cinema locally.

In the future they hope to begin a larger project, involving local young people in producing a newsreel of events in Hackney. With funding from local evening institutes, proper equipment, and a tutor to explain how to put it together. And with two job-sharing community-minded film programmers beginning their work soon, the Rio should emerge as a real community cinema with responsibilities other than just making a profit.

Museum under threat

The Tory Government pulled another fast one on local people at the end of July with the publication of the Rayner report which recommended either closure or introduction of admission charges to the Bethnal Green museum.

Sir Derek Rayner's office was set up by the Government to find ways of saving money in the civil service. Instead of attacking waste and bureaucracy (in the Ministry of Defence for example?) he has chosen to take on the soft targets: London's museums.

It costs a mere £300,000 per year to run the Bethnal Green Museum, which has an astonishingly high number of admissions, some 200,000 per year. The museum has existed since 1872, when the money to buy the site was raised by public subscription, "to serve the underprivileged East End."

Since the 1920's it has been the home of an invaluable museum of childhood, and is widely used by local schools for educational visits. The publication of the report right at the end of the school year means that many schools will not get the chance to mobilise support from their pupils and parents in time. The timing of the report is probably no coincidence.

Both Tower Hamlets and Hackney Councils are now fully committed to saving the museum, and to forcing the Government to change its mind. A big public outcry will be necessary to support the museum. You can help by writing to the Arts Minister, Paul Channon MP, at the House of Commons SW1 and telling him how much you value the Bethnal Green Museum and its children's collection.

Eating Better for Bigger Babies

A recent study of pregnant women from Hackney has shown that they often don't eat enough for the good of their babies.

Half the local children are born at or below 6½lbs which is just around the minimum weight, according to many doctors, and about one in eight weighs less than 5½lbs. The risk of mental or physical handicap is greatly increased in such small babies. Also they tend to become educationally subnormal in later life.

Similar studies in Canada have been followed by successful health education programmes. For the last five months dietician Wendy Doyle has been running a similar campaign in Hackney.

It is difficult to gauge the success so far. She has recognised how confusing hospitals can be, and how women often forget about eating properly during pregnancy. They should, she says, get more persistent reminders. That is why Wendy Doyle has been

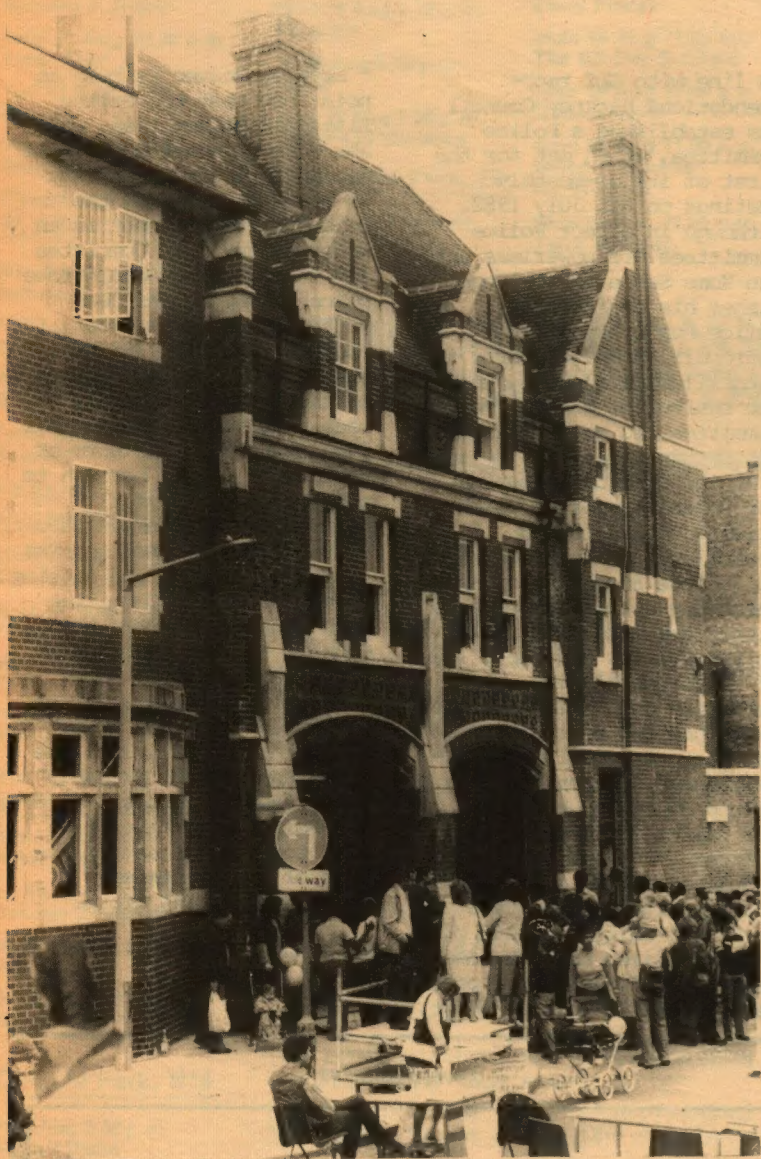
spending her time away from the Nuffield Laboratory of Comparative Medicine and in Hackney talking to mothers about their diet.

"Just really chatting about what they have eaten yesterday, and how they might improve it, or whether it's all right".

She stresses the importance of regular eating habits and she had encouraged women to read a short leaflet about nourishment during pregnancy. It explains which are the most easily available and the best foods to eat.

A comparison with better off Hampstead reveals that babies born at the Royal Free Hospital there are heavier and healthier. Nevertheless a wise choice of food by mothers could certainly benefit the next generation in Hackney.

Free leaflets on the best foods to eat during pregnancy are available from the Health Centre in Lower Clapton Road.



Opening Day at Stoke Newington Community Association

Ileswin Road old fire station is open at last - and in operation as the centre for the Stoke Newington Community Association.

The opening festivities, on Saturday 24 July, set the tone for the future of the centre - plenty of action with plenty of participation from local people. A local girl, Jean Adebambo, who currently has a hit in the charts, performed the opening ceremony to the accompaniment of clouds of balloons flying out from all the windows and a lively steel band which nearly brought all the passing buses to a full stop. Dancers gave demonstrations of their work and during the afternoon a table tennis tournament took place. The evening ended with a tremendous party to celebrate the fact that after five

years of alternating hope and despair and sheer persistent hard work to get the fire station transformed, it is at last open and in use.

Although the opening marks a major milestone in the progress of the centre, it is only the beginning of its existence as a community centre. Many problems still remain to be contended with, both in the internal organisation of the centre and in relation to the Council.

Several groups are already using the centre but there is still room for more. SNCA welcomes approaches from all kinds of local groups, whether they want to use the centre for meetings, dance groups or language classes. The administrator, who looks after bookings, is Jacky Atkinson and she can be reached on 249 6203 or 249 5733

NUT: NO LIFTING OF POLICE BAN

The Hackney Branch of the National Union of Teachers has decided not to lift its ban on letting local police speak to Hackney schoolchildren. The ban was imposed in 1979, after the murder of Hackney teacher Blair Peach, who had been on an Anti Nazi League demonstration in Southall. No one has been charged with Blair Peach's death and a local teacher recently remarked: "I will not forget that he was murdered by an unnamed policeman who may still be a member of the police force."

The Hackney NUT believe that even young people are aware of police attitudes towards black people, because they have seen their conduct towards older brothers and sisters. They say that fundamentally "the police in inner city areas like Hackney are racist. If we are to maintain credibility with many of our black pupils and parents then we cannot be seen to be associated with the police."

The charge is not against individual policemen say Hackney NUT but rather that "the way they are organised and operate is racist". There have been several disturbing incidents which have meant that the ban has not been lifted since 1979. These include the arrest and assault on the Knight family in Stoke Newington last year, the wrongful arrest and imprisonment of Newton Rose, imprisoned for ten months for a crime he did not commit, and the record damages awarded to the White family.

The relationship between the police and Hackney residents because of the politically motivated use of the crime figures, based on race, and a number of incidents involving Hackney police and black schoolchildren. Worst of these was the arrest of some black schoolgirls on a bus in school time without their teachers being informed. Hackney NUT say their policy is one of "Protest and non co-operation and raises in sharp focus the racism of the police."

SMASHED IN ARCOLA ST. DHSS TEMPORARILY CLOSED



The Department of Health and Social Security in Arcola Street was vandalised a fortnight ago. Nineteen windows were smashed and the office had to be closed for a few days. This has resulted in much confusion in the appointments system there. Making an appointment by phone is almost impossible at the moment and making appointments

at the office can involve waits of over an hour. As new claimants of Social Security have to be interviewed before they can receive any money, people have been forced to wait up to three weeks between first signing on and receiving any money.

This temporary closure of the offices has shown up more clearly than ever how inefficient the system for claiming social security is. The hours of queuing in a dull uncomfortable office, the total lack of facilities for children there, giving your particulars for the third or fourth time to a man whispering at you from behind a thick, plastic window: all these things seem designed to make claimants feel that they are extorting money rather than claiming their rightful allowance. Now that one in five of the adult male population of Hackney is unemployed perhaps it is time that the DHSS began to treat us a people rather than automatons carrying B1 forms.

POEM OF A LONE PROTESTER

When I walked over Westminster Bridge
Carrying my placard
Saying 'We are not an
American colony'
I felt like a 7th Day
Adventist
and a bit of a fool
I did
I really did
but I thought
I'll look grim
and make out I'm going somewhere
and that there are thousands
of us
so I marched on
Till a policeman outside the
House of Commons
waved it down and
I tucked it under one arm
and went to picket alone
outside Westminster Abbey
And suddenly there were
five of us
four from North Wales
with Reagan-Out Thatcher-Out
posters,
and they got into a row
with a policeman;
I went on to Central Hall
for reinforcements
and it looked like a
Methodist tea-party
and two boys said
'We'd come if there were
more people'
So I went back
and leafletted
the the crowds gathered
and people booed and hissed
When Reagan came out
Then I went home to tea.....

Di Edwards

HARASSMENT BY POLICE CONTINUES

On the evening of 27 June, Barvinder Singh died at his home in Stamford Hill. His wife Lila telephoned relatives who came round to join her in her mourning. She also telephoned the ambulance. When the ambulancemen came they suspected foul play and called the police. When the police arrived, they promptly arrested everyone in the house, including a nine year old nephew and a 94 year old grandmother.

These people were detained in Dalston and Stoke Newington police stations for up to two days. Many of the women were unable to speak English. They were fingerprinted and not allowed even to wash the ink off their fingers. Some of them were told that they could smear the ink onto their faces as they were dirty already. The children were questioned without adults being present, a clear breach of the Judges' rules.

When the family were eventually released they told the Hackney Asian Association about their treatment, and a picket and demonstration at both police stations was organised on Saturday 3 July. Over 100 people turned up, including Singh family relatives and members of the Asian, West Indian and white communities. The pickets were peaceful and successful.

HACKNEY CND - the past, present and future



ALAS POOR EUROPE -
I KNEW HER WELL...

Hackney CND has now decided to have four secretaries instead of the one it had previously. This move took place at its recently held AGM. In addition, the organisation resolved to take a greater interest in non-violent direct action to get its message across. It was also announced that, following a meeting with the Council, agreement had been reached over a number of joint ventures.

active year

The group would appear to have had a very active year with many well-attended meetings and events. The latter included film shows, concerts, petitioning as well as taking part in demonstrations both in this country and on the continent. HCND now has 620 members and the affiliated support of 24 local organisations. New members are currently joining at the rate of two a week. Membership is, however not growing as rapidly as it did in the euphoria of HCND's first year (1980/81).

secretariat

The out-going secretary (Donald Bason) felt that the structure of the group placed too much pressure on what had been his office - especially in a year when so much had happened. As a result, there had been a lack of drive in some areas such as building up links with the council and the trade union movement. Consequently, he proposed the idea of a four member secretariat elected on a two male, two female basis. This suggestion was subsequently adopted and the following were elected onto it by the meeting: Donald Bason, Vickie Luekins, Sarah Llewelyn and Tony Barratt.

direct action

A resolution was adopted at the AGM that committed HCND to finding out about and taking an interest in non-violent direct action. It was suggested that marches to Hyde Park and elsewhere were becoming ineffective as political weapons; that, by their repetitiveness, they were no longer the news e-

vents they initially had been. The AGM, however, decided that before non-violent direct action over any issue was given the official 'go-ahead', it would have to receive the support of those attending a pre-announced meeting.

council's views

Finally, it was reported that, following consultations with Hackney Council, a number of joint initiatives had been agreed upon. Firstly, the council would print and distribute a HCND leaflet to every household in the borough. Secondly, they would sponsor, participate in and help publicise HCND's Christmas Peace Fayre (see below) and invite to it a deputation from each of its twin towns. Thirdly, they would oppose the (now temporarily suspended) Government military exercise "Operation Hard Rock" and produce a statement over their position on civil defence. Lastly, they would continue to wage their campaign against the movement of nuclear materials (both civil and military) through the borough and urge the GLC to hold its own enquiry into this traffic and its inherent risks.

future events

Among the events planned by HCND for the forthcoming months are a lantern-launch on August 9th. (Nagasaki Day) - assemble at 8.30pm on Lea Bridge - and the holding of a Christmas Peace Fayre on Saturday 11th. December at Hackney Town Hall. Any group groups wishing to run a stall at the Fayre are asked to contact: Ken Levy, HCND, P.O.Box 27, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8.



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THERE'S PLENTY

TO DO

CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT

CHILDREN'S SHOWS

For further details contact:
The Entertainments Officer,
Tel. 739 7600 ext 488.

**De Beauvoir School,
Tottenham Road, N1**

Tue 10 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Wed 11 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Peter Cass

Tue 17 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Disco

Wed 18 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Rhubarb

**Grasmere School,
92 Albion Road, N16**

Wed 11 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Fri 13 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Peter Cass

Wed 18 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Disco

Fri 20 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Rhubarb

**Kingsmead School,
Kingsmead Way, E9**

Mon 9 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Thur 12 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Peter Cass

Mon 16 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Disco

Thur 19 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Rhubarb

**Northwold School,
Northwold Road, E5**

Mon 9 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Peter Cass

Fri 13 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Mon 16 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Rhubarb

Fri 20 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Disco

Clissold Park, N16

Fri 6 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Mark 7 Disco

Fri 13 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Wed 18 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Disco

Fri 20 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Rhubarb

Fri 27 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Theatre of Thelema

**Seabright School,
Dove Road,
Goldsmith's Row
(off Hackney Rd), E2**

Tue 10 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Peter Cass

Thur 12 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Tue 17 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Rhubarb

Thur 19 Aug 10.30 a.m.
Disco

Hackney Downs, E5

Wed 11 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Tue 17 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Disco

Wed 18 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Clown Smiley

Wed 26 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Theatre of Thelema

Haggerston Park, E2

Thur 12 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Mon 16 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Disco

Thur 19 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Rhubarb

Thur 26 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Theatre of Thelema

Millfields, E5

Mon 9 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Mon 16 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Rhubarb

Fri 20 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Disco

Mon 23 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Theatre of Thelema

Springfield Park, E5

Tue 10 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Sammy J. Disco

Tue 17 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Clown Smiley

Thur 19 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Disco

Tue 24 Aug 2.30 p.m.
Theatre of Thelema

Hackney Marsh, E9

Mon 9 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Len Ware

Wed 11 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Peter Pinner

Mon 16 Aug 11.00 a.m.
The All Day Suckers

Wed 18 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Donald Sellar

Mon 23 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Unicorn Theatre
for Children

Wed 25 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Terry Burgess

Mon 30 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Soapbox Theatre

Wed 1 Sept 11.00 a.m.
Bob Thingummybob

Victoria Park, E9

Tue 10 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Len Ware

Thur 12 Aug 3.00 p.m.
Zippo the Clown
and Company

Tue 17 Aug 11.00 a.m.
The All Day Suckers

Thur 19 Aug 3.00 p.m.
Oily Cart Company

Tue 24 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Unicorn Theatre
for Children

Thur 26 Aug 3.00 p.m.
Brog Puppets

Tue 31 Aug 11.00 a.m.
Soapbox Theatre

THE LITTLE ANGEL MARIONETTE THEATRE

SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON 1982

NOAH

the medieval story of the deluge,
a rod puppet production by the
Resident Company with
Chris Leith as Noah and
Joyce Wren as Noah's wife.

In the same programme
SHADOW FANTASY and
WHAT! MORE TIGERS!

4th to 8th August all at 3.00 p.m.

14 DAGMAR PASSAGE,
CROSS STREET,
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LONDON, N1

SPECIAL SHOWS FOR THE VERY YOUNG

JUNGLE TREASURE

on Saturdays at 11 a.m. July 24th
and 31st and August 7th.

THE LONDON-MUNICH PUPPET PLAYERS
will present OLD TIME MARIONETTES
and THE STORY OF BABAR (short version)
Saturdays at 11 a.m. August 14th and 21st



Saturday August 14th at 3 p.m. a
special connoisseur's performance of
OLD TIME MARIONETTES plus
George Speaight's famous
THE MILLER AND HIS MEN.

THE
STORY
OF

BABAR
the little
Elephant

A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

THE LONDON-MUNICH PUPPET PLAYERS will
present for the first time in England

THE STORY OF BABAR

from the book by Jean de Brunhoff,
with the beautiful music of Francis Poulenc
introduced and played by HEINRICH KLUG.
15th to 22nd August daily at 3 p.m.
with a grand farewell Gala Performance at
3.00 p.m. on Sunday 5th September.

PHONE

226 1787

And in the Autumn, the Resident Company
will open the season with

THE WILD NIGHT OF THE WITCHES.

Every weekend from September 11th at 3.00 p.m.

PLAYPARKS AND MOBILE PLAYSCHEMES

Activity centres for children of school age where
playleaders are on hand to organise games, drawings,
painting, modelling and other activities, from 26 July-
5 September.

Play Park Huts are situated at:

Clissold Park — Stoke Newington Church Street, N16
Mon-Fri Noon-7 p.m.
Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Haggerston Park — Queensbridge Road, E2
Mon-Fri Noon-7 p.m.
Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shoreditch Park — Bridport Place, N1
Mon-Fri Noon-7 p.m.
Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Springfield Park — Upper Clapton Road, E5
(next to the River Lea)
Mon-Fri Noon-7 p.m.
Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Road, N4
Open every day 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Victoria Park, Hackney, E9
Open every day 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Well Street Common, Well Street, E9
Mon-Fri Noon-7 p.m.
Sat 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Mobile Playschemes will operate at the following
venues:

Millfields — Chatsworth Road, E5
Mon & Tue Noon-7 p.m.

London Field — Richmond Road, E8
Wed & Thurs Noon-7 p.m.

Hackney Downs — Downs Park Road, E5
Fri & Sat Noon-7 p.m.

ONE O'CLOCK CLUBS

Where parents can bring their under 5's to play under
the supervision of trained playleaders — rain or shine.

Open weekdays only, 1-4.30 p.m.

Clissold Park, Stoke Newington Church Street, N16

Haggerston Park, Queensbridge Road, E2

Springfield Park, Upper Clapton, E5
(next to the River Lea)

Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters Road, N4

Victoria Park, Hackney, E9

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND

Seabright School Playground, Maidstone Street,
(Goldsmith's Row, Hackney Road) E2 will be open on
Mondays to Fridays from 9 a.m. till Noon and from 1
p.m. to 5.30 p.m. from 23 July to 31 August for children
aged 5-16 years.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYSCHEMES

At the time of going to press, the following projects
were scheduled to operate during the holiday period.
For further information, including dates and times of
opening contact:

HACKNEY LEISURE SERVICES 739 7600 ext. 488
HACKNEY PLAY ASSOCIATION 739 2394

APPLES AND PEARS
Open Site, Pearson Street, E2

BANGLA EDUCATION & CULTURAL CENTRE
Church Hall, 1 Wilberforce Road, N4

BETH JACOB YOUTH MOVEMENT
65 Amhurst Park, N16

CARIBBEAN HOUSE
Bridport Place, Shoreditch, N1

CENTREPRISE
136 Kingsland Road, E8

DALSTON CHILDRENS CENTRE
(under 5's) Sandringham Road
(over 5's) St. Marks Church Hall
or Colverstone School, E8

FERNCLEIFF CENTRE
4 Ferncliffe Road, E8

FINSBURY PARK METHODIST CHURCH
1 Wilberforce Road, N4

GEORGE SYLVESTER SPORTS CENTRE
Wilton Way, E8

HACKNEY MARSH ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Daubeny Fields, E9

HACKNEY MUSLIM COUNCIL
Schools in Clapton Area
(For details telephone Mr. Mulla 985 3258)

HOLLY STREET ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Richmond Road, E8

HOMERTON GROVE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND
Wardle Street, E9

HOXTON HALL
128A Hoxton Street, N1

LESWIN ROAD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
St. Paul's Church Hall, Evering Road, N16

LUBAVITCH FOUNDATION
107-115 Stamford Hill, N16

ILEA HOLIDAY PLAY PROJECTS (formerly Play Centres)

Playschemes — for children aged 5 to 13 — will be open
in the schools below on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5.30
p.m. They provide a wide variety of outdoor and indoor
activities including games and arts and crafts. Outings
may be arranged to various places of interest.

Facilities will be available for midday meals and light
refreshments for children attending the centres. Midday
meals will also be available at the centres for children
not attending the play schemes. Children who receive
free meals during term time will be entitled to free meals
at ILEA Playschemes in holiday time.

The schools listed are provisional at the time of going to
print. For further information contact the Area Youth
Office, 138 Kingsland Road, E2 (Tel. 739 6951).

De Beauvoir, Tottenham Road, N1
26 July-1 September

Grasmere, Albion Road, N16
2 August-1 September

Hackney Downs, Downs Park Road, E5
26 July-26 August

Holmleigh, Dunsmore Road, N16
26 July-26 August

Kingsmead, Kingsmead Way, E9
26 July-26 August

Northwold, Northwold Road, E5
26 July-1 September

Parkwood (Nursery), Queens Drive N4
26 July-26 August

Seabright, Goldsmith's Row, E2
26 July-26 August

South Hackney Upper, Cassland Road, E9
26 July-26 August

INFLATABLES

Hackney Marsh
Mon 26 July 1-4.30 p.m.

Victoria Park
(Roman Road Bridge)
Mon 26 July 1-4.30 p.m.

Finsbury Park
Mon 16 Aug 1-4.30 p.m.

Finsbury Park
Mon 23 Aug 1-4.30 p.m.

Hackney Marsh
Fri 27 Aug 1-4.30 p.m.

Victoria Park
Mon 30 Aug 1-4.30 p.m.

Finsbury Park
Wed 1 Sept 1-4.30 p.m.

SPECIALIST PLAY FACILITIES (Workshops)

CHATS PALACE MUSIC WORKSHOP
42-44 Brooksby Walk, E9

HACKNEY WOMENS AID
P.O. Box 28, E5

LABURNUM BASIN PROJECT
12 Upton Road N1 (Water based Youth Club)

LENTHAL ROAD WORKSHOP
81 Lenthal Road, E8 (photography for girls)

MARKET PLAYSCHEME
Methodist Mission, 164 Haggerston Road, E8

NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH OF GOD
Cricketfield Road, E8

NORTH LONDON MUSLIM YOUTH CLUB
Jubilee Primary School, Filey Avenue, N16

PEDRO YOUTH CLUB
175 Rushmore Road, E5

PROVOST AND ST JOHNS
For details, contact Hackney Leisure Services
739 7600 ext. 488

ST. LUKES CHURCH
St. Lukes Hall, Rivaz Place, E9

ST. PAULS CHURCH
Chelmer Road, E9

**SHAKESPEARE WALK ADVENTURE
PLAYGROUND**
Shakespeare Walk, N16

SMALLY ROAD CHILDRENS ACTIVITY GROUP
For details contact Hackney Leisure Services,
739 7600 ext. 488.

**STOKE NEWINGTON COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION**
Stoke Newington Common, N16

STONEBRIDGE YOUTH CLUB
Stonebridge House, Stonebridge Estate, E8

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO ASSOCIATION
380 Green Lanes, N4

TRELAWNEY ESTATE
Tenants Hall, Trelawney Estate, E9

UFTON YOUTH CLUB
12 Ufton Road, N1

UNION OF MUSLIM FAMILIES
Woodberry Down Infants School, E4

VICTORIA COMMUNITY CENTRE
Egerton Road, N16

WENLOCK BARN
Holy Trinity Church Hall, Bletchley Street, N1

WENLOCK PROVOST YOUTH CLUB
The Blue Hut, 51-53 Murray Grove, N1

YORKSHIRE GROVE YOUTH CLUB
Yorkshire Grove T.A. Hall, Yorkshire Grove, N16

133 CLUB
Fire Station Community Centre, Leswin Road, N16

GIRLS FESTIVAL

Tuesday August 10:
T-Shirt Printing; Silk-Screening; Music Workshop.

Wednesday August 11:
Roller Disco; and from 6-9pm Women in Manual trades Video, and practical session; D.I.Y. and Woodwork.

Thursday August 12:
Self Defence; Cycling; B.M.X. and Road Track.

Tuesday August 17:
Drama; Dress Making; Arts and Crafts.

Wednesday August 18:
Motor Cycling and from 6-9pm Health and Relationships; Film "True Romance" and "I said we've got to be careful" Discussion afterwards.

Thursday August 19:
Keep fit; Dance; Cycle Maintenance and Horseriding.

Tuesday August 24:
International Cookery, Asian West Indian and Turkish food; Discussion on Racism with Drama and poetry.

Wednesday August 25:
Ice Skating and from 6-9pm What do we look like, make-up Hairdressing, Cane Row Face Painting and Crazy Colour.

Thursday August 26:
Final evening from 6-9pm, Theatre Group "Sensible Footwear" plus Disco.

Saturday August 28:
Day trip to the Seaside!

All events take place from 2 to 5pm unless otherwise stated, at The Old Fire Station, Leswin Road, N16. Ring 249 1045 for details.

SPECIAL EVENTS at the Mobile Playcentre

INNER CITY THEATRE CO.

will perform at:

Millfields
Mon 2 August at 1 p.m.
Tues 3 August at 1 p.m.

London Fields
Wed 4 August at 1 p.m.
Thurs 5 August at 1 p.m.

Hackney Downs
Fri 6 August at 1 p.m.

THE ALBION KIDS SHOW

will be at:

Millfields
Tues 10 August from Noon
Tues 17 August from Noon
Tues 24 August from Noon

London Fields
Wed 11 August from Noon
Wed 18 August from Noon
Wed 25 August from Noon

Hackney Downs
Fri 13 August from Noon

CENTERPRISE

136 Kingsland High Street, E8
254 9632

All August
Playscheme from 11am to 4pm
outings and events for 8-14
year olds.

Thurs Aug 12th
Two films 7.30pm
Admission 20p.

Fri Aug 13th
Play -- Secret Statistics
with Sensible Footwear and
Disco. Admission 20p.

Aug 19th - 20th
Video workshop. Free entry

Aug 24th
Bicycle repair workshop
Admission free.

Aug 25th
Cycle trip to the country-
side. Cost £1 to cover
cost of travel to outside
London. Phone for more
details.

WHAT'S ON

chats palace

Free on all nights except
Friday and Saturday.
Every Wednesday
Entertainments in the bar
Aug 5th and 12th
Irish music in the bar

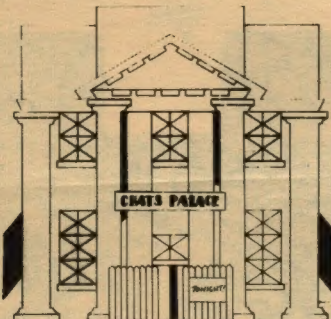
Aug 17th and 24th

Louis 'Fingers' O'Neil
Boogie Rock 'n' Roll
Fri Aug 6th
8pm Reggae Night
Admission £1.50 unwaged
£2 waged

Fri Aug 13th
Apollo Disco
Admission £1.50 waged
£0.75 unwaged

Fri Aug 20th
East London Troops Out
Benefit with the Ivory
Coasters.

Fri Aug 27th
Music for Socialism with:
Oxy and the Morons
Spare Tyre Theatre acting
extracts from 'On the Shelf'
Admission £1.50 waged
£1 unwaged



Sat. Aug. 7th
Music Hall with Jim
McMannus and Guests
Admission £2.00/£1.00 unwaged

Sat. Aug. 14th
Arkestra Party Night
Music - Disco - Food
Admission £2.00

Sat. Aug. 21st
Ujama (African Theatre Group)
Admission £2.00/£1.00 unwaged

Sat. Aug. 28th
SOCA (Caribbean Music) Night
Lula and The Protectors
Disco (Soca music)
Admission £2.00/£1.00 unwaged

Every Sunday
Lunchtime Jazz
Admission £1.00

Music

HACKNEY MUSICIANS COLLECTIVE

Live Music every Thursday
8 - 11pm at The Sir George
Robey, opposite the Rainbow,
Finsbury Park.

Fox's Wine Bar
Stoke Newington Church
Street, N16
254 2709

'Phone for details.

PEGASUS

109 Green Lanes, N16
226 5930

Mondays: MYST - Birmingham's
Hot Band.

Tuesdays: 20th Century Blues
- Jazz, Dance Funk and Jammin

Wednesdays: Chip- Shop Bar-
Show. Reindeers of the Lost
Ark - Comedy/Tragedy Night.

Thursdays: Hank Wangford.

Friday 6: Juice on the Loose.

Friday 13/20/27: Macrami

Brothers.

Saturday 7: Big Chief.

Saturday 14: Micky Jupp.

Saturday 21/28: Ivory Coast-
ers.

Sunday 1: E - Types.

Sunday 8/16/22: Breakfast
Band.

Sunday 29: Jo - Ann Kelly
Band - R 'n' B, Soul, Jazz
and Blues.

Admission varies from
£1 to £2.

PEMBURY ARMS

90 Amhurst Rd, E8
985 5288

Thurs: The Directors

(to be confirmed)

Fris: Rock 'n' Roll DJ

Sats: Steve Amber - One
Man Band.

Suns: Flying Saucers.

CROWN AND CASTLE

600 Kingsland Rd, E8
254 3678

Downstairs Bar: Live Folk
Music most nights - free.

Upstairs Bar: Doors open at
9pm, show starts at 10pm.
Late Bar and Food. Phone
for details.

Theatre

THEATRE ROYAL

Gerry Raffles Sq, E15
534 0310

No performances during
August due to reseating work,
but the bar remains open.

HALF MOON THEATRE

213 Mile End Rd, E1
790 4000

TRAFFORD TANZI

Written by Claire Luckham
Music by Chris Monks
Directed by Chris Bond

Mon - Thur £3
(students and senior citi-
zens £2). Fri and Sat £4.
Free to unemployed with UB
40 subject to availability
of tickets.

Other events

WALTHAM FOREST CND

Saturday August 7:

Bushwood '82 The Peace Fest-
ival. A line-up of top Bands
speakers, theatre, food and
entertainments at Bush House
Bush Rd, Leytonstone, E11.
From noon to 8pm. Bands
include Mikado, Designfor
Living, Jimmy and the Piss-
spots and Red shift. Speak-
ers include Duncan Campbell.
There will be a children's
play area, wholefood and
stalls from many organizat-
ions. Admission £1, claim-
ants 50p, children under 14
free. Further details from
Wendy Wright, 521 9438.

LEARN TO SWIM

Free swimming lessons for
learners will be run by Hack-
ney Council over the next
few weeks as part of the
annual Learn to Swim cam-
paign. Classes lasting 30
minutes will be held every
week day until September 3,
at Lower Clapton Rd, Clissold
Rd and Whiston Rd pools. No
advance bookings are required
with sessions running contin-
uously from 9am to noon at
Clapton and Clissold and
from 9am to 11am at Whiston
Rd. Further details from
John Hughes, 985 0961.

Do you know that you can
swim at Hackney Central
Baths in Lower Clapton Rd,
at 7am? And it's open in
the evening until 9pm.
Make sure that your friends
know about this, because if
it is not used the Council
will say that it is a waste
of time opening the other
pools later. This is just
one of the things that SPLASH
is campaigning for. For
more information on SPLASH
contact Helen on 729 5536.
And don't forget that at
25p for an adult swim it's
great value!

Hackney Council is running
Motor Cycle training courses
lasting 7 weeks, based on the
the RAC/ACU syllabus. The
Council's Accident Prevention
staff are authorised to train
riders for Parts 1 and 2 of
the Department of Transport
test.

Instructors are needed to
help with the courses and
any rider with at least two
years experience who could
attend the sessions on
saturday mornings from 10am
to noon would be welcomed.
Instructors will receive
expenses for saturday morn-
ing sessions and can involve
themselves in weekly evening
lectures on tuesdays.

Anyone interested or wishing
more information about the
courses should contact the
Safety Officer, Roger Kite
at Shoreditch Town Hall, Old
Street, EC1, Tel 739 7600.

The What's On listings are
free - so if we've missed
you out, please let us
know as soon as possible
by writing to Hackney
Peoples Press, 47a Gray-
ling Rd, N16

Cinema



107 Kingsland High St, E8
254 6677

Tickets: £2, £1 under-16's,
OAPs 50p and Mondays only
UB40's £1.

FEATURE FILMS

August 1 to 6: Superman at
1 plus 6pm and Superman 2 at
3.35 and 8.30pm (Both cert A)
August 8 to 14: Raiders of
the Lost Ark (A). Sunday at
6.30, Week at 2.20, 4.50 and
7.25pm.

August 15 to 21: Guys and
Dolls (A). Sunday at 7, week
at 2, 4.55 and 7.50pm.

August 22 to 28: Flash Gordon
(A). Sunday at 6.30, week at
2.20, 4.50 and 7.25pm.

August 29 to Sept 4: Riots and
Rumours of Riots plus Count-
ryman (AA). Riots at 6.30
sunday and 2.20, 5, and 7.45
week; Countryman at 7.15
sunday and weekdays at 3,
5.45 and 8.30pm. Riots looks
at Britain through the eyes
of West Indians encouraged
to come here after WW2.
Countryman is a fast moving
thriller which gives glimpses
into the Rasta lifestyle.

Sunday Matinees

1 - The Life and Times of
Rosie the Riveter at 2.30
and at 3.45 Maeve - the Irish
conflict from a catholic and
feminist viewpoint.

8- Sigmund Freud's Dora at
3.30 plus Hitchcock's Spell-
bound.

15- Am! at 4.30 plus Chris-
topher Strong at 5.15
22- Effi Briest at 2, plus
Fear eats the Soul at 4.30
Both early Fassbinder films,
Effi depicts the repressive
milieu of 19th Century
German Bourgeois society,
while Fear presents an out-
look which is ultimately
more hopeful.

29- Written on the Wind at
2.15 plus Imitation of Life
at 4pm. Two melodramas by
Douglas Sirk.

Aug 10th CND night

Three films

The Hole
8 minutes to midnight
Is it always right to be
right?

Rio film club - The Rio is
thinking of setting up a
small group which would meet
to discuss all aspects of
film. A meeting to discuss
the idea will be held at the
Cinema on Sunday 15 August
at 7pm.

KONAK

13/15 Stoke Newington Rd N16
254 2415

Phone cinema for details.

KIDS ENJOY LIFE DOWN ON THE THE FARM



and ponies. There are also ideas taking shape for the farm shop where eggs, goats milk and potatoes will be on sale. Already there has been substantial demand for manure. A track around the central enclosure is envisaged, after the drainage has been installed, so that donkey and pony rides will be available, particularly for local disabled children. A donkey derby is also a possibility to be held on Hackney Downs, as soon as enough donkeys are being housed to make it a worthwhile venture.

support

All these plans are subject to the amount of support the farm receives. There were problems initially when the council repeatedly turned down the Dymonds's applications to turn the tip, which was intended for use as a car park, into a farm. When the family moved in and squatted there, and began the huge task of clearing the land putting up makeshift buildings they were offered wholehearted support by the council in the shape of a £1000 grant. The local community and industry also supported the Dymonds, and one firm donated more than £600 worth of wood to build stalls for the donkeys and ponies. There are also regular supplies of dried bread and discarded fruit from nearby shops.

future plans

There still remains a lot to be done to the farm itself, apart from the day to day care of the animals. It desperately needs a drainage system to prevent it from flooding every time it rains heavily, an electricity supply, and a freezer to hold the goats' milk. Mr and Mrs Dymond, their daughter, and their three sons work there full time although, as the farm is not a money making venture, they still have to survive on social security.

If the school holidays are beginning to drag, have you thought of paying a visit to the Hackney People's Farm in Shacklewell Lane? Since the farm was set up four months ago, it has been full of children visiting and playing with the animals, both on trips from schools and nurseries, and in their free time. Local mother, Mrs Pollard, on a trip to visit the farm with her young family, was enthusiastic about the whole scheme:

"It's marvellous! My daughter is down here outside the gates before nine O'Clock every morning, waiting for them to open at ten, and she doesn't come home until eight in the evening. She loves seeing the animals, and I'm confident that she is safe and well-occupied during the time she is here. I shall definitely support the farm and do all I can to make sure that it can carry on."

The Dymond family, who founded and run the farm, are delighted by the response amongst local children and are always pleased to welcome anyone who is interested in looking around, young or old. Peter Dymond described various plans for expansion into a neighbouring strip of land, and told how planning permission had been given for permanent sheds to be built for the goats, pigs, donkeys

There is hope that there will be more grants next year, and perhaps a couple of workers on YOP's but help is needed now to build more permanent housing for the animals.

If you would like to help the People's Farm they would be happy to receive donations

of building materials, especially of heavy ply and large 4' x 3' timbers, as well as of cash. Why not go along to buy their produce, or just to look at their animals? The People's Farm is open every day, and admission is free.

Artist Paints 'Armageddon'

Having moved to Hackney twenty-four years ago, Milly Munro suspects that the paintings she has produced since then have a particular relevance to local people. She and her husband originally planned to work amongst children, teaching them the singing and dancing they had learned during their earlier career on the stage in Drury Lane. Having lost her husband in recent years, Milly has devoted herself to her paintings which depict experiences and phenomena she has received psychically in her basement flat. The main idea which runs through all her painting is the general decay she sees in the world around her, both locally and more widely.

Most specifically important are her paintings on the subject of nuclear power, the arms race and the state of Israel. Mrs Munro is at pains to point out that she is not a medium for supernatural messages, but is rather a recipient of ideas which she believes to have a divine and positive source. Apart from wanting to make her paintings known for their subject matter rather than for their artistic merit, she is eager to meet and talk with those who might be interested in her work. Anyone who feels that they might like to talk with Mrs Munro about her work, see her pictures or share similar experiences and concerns will be welcome to do so via the HPP.



PHOTOGRAPH: PAINTING OF "ARMAGEDDON" BY MILLY MUNRO.

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The open editorial meeting for the next issue of HACKNEY PEOPLE'S PRESS will be held at Centreprise, 136 Kingsland High Street, E8 at 8pm on Tuesday 17 Aug. If you would like to help write or produce the next issue then please come along.

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